

WEARE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 24, 2007

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In attendance this evening was: Andrea Alderman, George Malette, John Ciampi, Pat Myers, and Steve Najjar.

Chairman Najjar called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Minutes of 3-27-07 – Last months draft minutes were reviewed by the members, and the following changes were made:

- The name *Buprea* shall be corrected to *Beaupre* throughout the document.
- The & symbol shall be corrected to \$ symbol before the figure 490,354.00 10th line down in the heading “Emma Sawyer Trust”.

George made motion to adapt the minutes as corrected, and Pat 2nd. All voted in favor and the motion carries.

Oliphant Update - An attorney review found that PSNH has a reserved R.O.W. through the property, which was discovered during a title search, had apparently fallen through the cracks. There is still some uncertainty with Tom’s finances as nothing has been heard lately from him. Andrea asked if it is the responsibility of the OSC to try and pin him down on this to which Steve replied this should be assigned to Town Attorney.

Hawkes – Scott Dickman and Steve are planning to meet with landowner Shawn Hawkes on the 30th of April to kick off the appraisal. Steve has already applied to LCHIP for financial support, but, he added, time will tell if this application will eventually bear fruit.

Hall – A site walk is scheduled for Thursday, April 26. Steve is working on a P&S agreement for Andy Fulton, of the Conservation Commission, along with Town Attorney review.

Pinard – John and Steve met with Marc Pinard on Saturday, April to execute a site walk on Mr. Pinard’s property. Steve also contacted Margaret Watkins and asked her if she would contact Mr. Pinard, but to date, Steve believes that contact was not made. Steve gave an account of the enormous natural habitat attributes of the property. Steve suggested to Andrea that the NHNH be called in to investigate an area along the east facing rock ledges if rare and/or endangered plant species are present there. Andrea agreed and explained to the Committee the reason specialized vegetation could be found in such a location is that it is warmer, and if the soil is calcified, less common plants may harbor the site.

Frank Farmer – A site walk was rained out for the 3rd time, and another site walk will be scheduled. Pat feels there is no immediate regard to consummate this land purchase.

Bob Bailey – Steve hasn’t heard back from him since his last contact.

Ed Ware – Pat made the Committee aware of this contact, who contacted the Town wishing to make a land donation of .75 acre, map 110, lot 70, along a stream on Twin Bridge Rd. Steve noted from a practical standpoint that this is a moot issue, because it is in a wet area and too small to develop, furthermore, doesn’t connect with other conservation land. Pat

volunteered to contact Mr. Ware and inform him the Committee has determined his parcel does not fit in to any of the Committee's conservation plans.

Silvia Pope & Cynthia Cook – Have been placed on the inactive file.

Steiner, Esq. – Needs a site walk.

Ralph Emmery – Map 410, lot 57, with 35 acres. This contact was made by Brian Johnsen and this contact was forwarded to John. Mr. Emmery did not respond to the town-wide mailing campaign. The Committee suggested that Mr. Johnsen further pursue this contact.

Ray Banks – He should be returning from Florida soon. He property encompasses 130 acres, and also included a gravel pit which the OSC has no interest.

Dave Erickson – Located on Poor Farm Rd., has shown interest in conserving his 22 acres if his abutting neighbors do same. Steve suggested that Paul Doscher discuss this proposition with him.

Wixton Farm – Pat conveyed to the Committee the recent PWA conservation acquisition of the Wixton Farm, 76 acres located on Paige Hill Rd.

Adjournment – Pat made motion to adjournment, and Andrea 2nd. All voted in favor, and the motion carries. This evening's meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Recorded As a True Record,

John Ciampi
WOSC Secretary

cc: Tina Pelletier
Town Clerk
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